

**House at Budds Ferry**  
**CH-770**  
**Chicamuxen vic.**  
**Private**

**1900**

The House at Budds Ferry is an extensively altered and enlarged late-19th century dwelling standing near the site of a former 18<sup>th</sup> century ferry landing. The earliest part of the dwelling was demolished shortly after being surveyed leaving a 20<sup>th</sup> century building on the site. The original dwelling was a simple single-pile, center-passage, three-bay plan with early additions on the gable ends. Although altered beyond recognition, the dwelling is of interest because prior to its demolition it was the only remaining historic structure associated with Budds Ferry, which was established prior to 1794. The ferry landing site was especially significant during the Civil War when it was the site of Union occupation during the winter of 1861. However, the current structure seems to post-date this Civil War era.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-770

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic House at Budds Ferry

other

### 2. Location

street and number 1825 Budds Ferry Place not for publication

city, town Indian Head X vicinity

county Charles

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Richard and Nancy Hurley

street and number 1825 Budds Ferry Place telephone unknown

city, town Indian Head state MD zip code 20640-3631

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 39 p. 3

city, town La Plata liber 985 folio 46

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
- ☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- ☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- ☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
- ☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- ☐ Other

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			0

## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The House at Budds Ferry is an extensively altered and enlarged late-19th century dwelling standing near the site of a former 18th century ferry landing in use since the late 18th century. The earliest part of the dwelling was demolished shortly after being surveyed leaving a late 20th century remaining. The original dwelling was a simple single-pile, center-passage, three-bay plan with early additions on the gable ends. The entire site includes over 20 acres consisting primarily of open pasture. Overall the site may hold significant archaeological resources associated with the ferry landing.

The dwelling faces south, with a circa 1900 addition on the west gable end and a later circa 1920 addition on the east end. The dwelling has a balloon frame and is constructed entirely of circular sawn wood. Wood floors consist of 2 1/4" - 3" tongue and groove boards. In the late 20th century the dwelling was altered beyond recognition with the addition of a massive portico extending from the front elevation and a large 2-story rear addition. The renovation included the addition of borrowed historic architectural elements including molding around the front entrance, as well as the entrance door and the rear staircase. The property was surveyed in response to a permit application to demolish the earliest portion of the dwelling. This was demolished shortly after being surveyed.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

**Specific dates** circa 1890

**Architect/Builder** unknown

**Construction dates** circa 1890

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

Although altered beyond recognition, the dwelling is of interest because prior to its demolition it was the only remaining historic structure associated with Budds Ferry, which was established prior to 1795. Budds Ferry was especially significant during the Civil War when it was the site of Union occupation during the winter of 1861. However, the current structure seems to post-date this Civil War era. (1)

During the entire armed conflict that followed the secession of the southern states, Charles County was occupied by Union soldiers. Because of its southern sympathies, the county was treated like occupied territory. On June 20th, 1861, one hundred Federal troops landed at Chapel Point and proceeded to the residence of Captain Samuel Cox at "Rich Hill" where there was a stash of state-owned munitions. The troops demanded the surrender of the arms. Soon, the Fifth Regiment of General Sickles' Brigade came to Charles County, encamping at Mulberry Grove near Port Tobacco. In addition, some ten to twelve thousand troops were sent to the county to prevent the crossing of Confederate troops into Maryland over the Potomac River. The majority of these troops were stationed in the western section of the county between Mattawoman and Budd's Ferry. Batteries were built near the mouth of Chicamuxen Creek.

### Endnotes

(1) Griffith, Dennis. Map of the State of Maryland Laid Down from an Actual Survey of all the Principal Waters, Public Roads, and Divisions of the Counties therein....Philadelphia, PA: J. Tallance, Engraver, June 6, 1795.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 21.6558

Acreage of historical setting unknown

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The site is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 39, Parcel 3.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Cathy Hardy/Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Charles County Planning

date 1/30/2004

street and number 200 Baltimore Street

telephone 301-396-5815

city or town La Plata

state MD zip code 20646

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Crownsville MD 21032  
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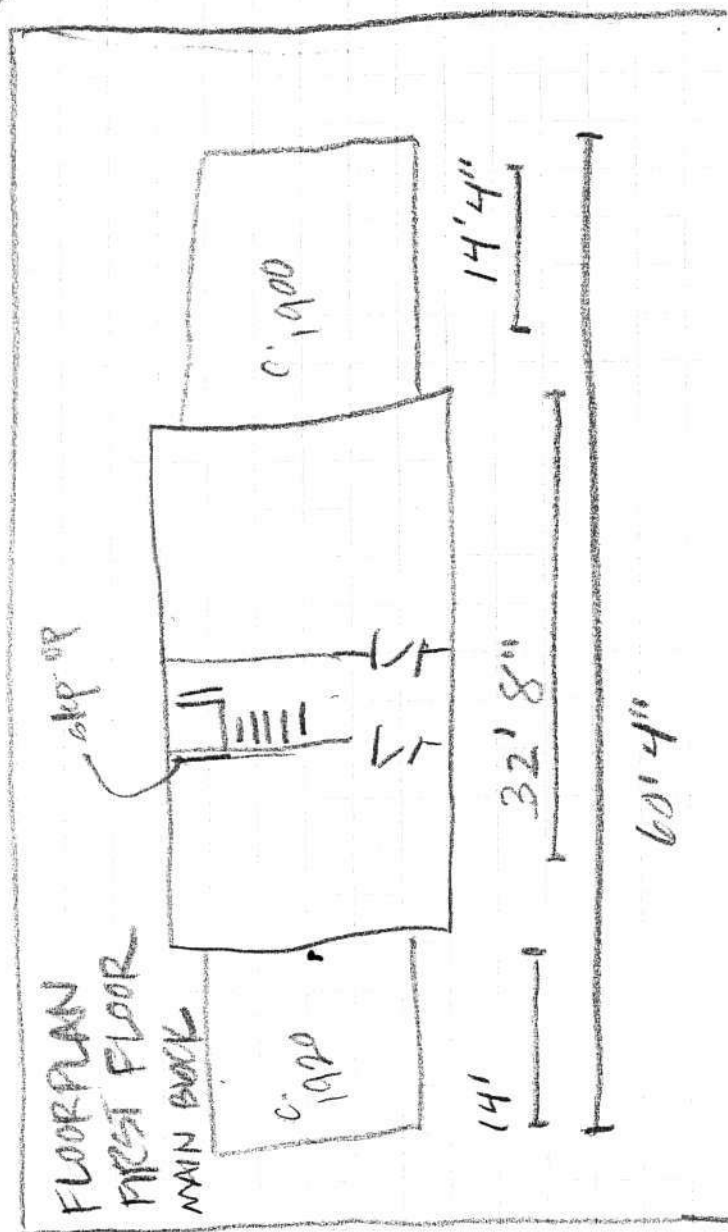
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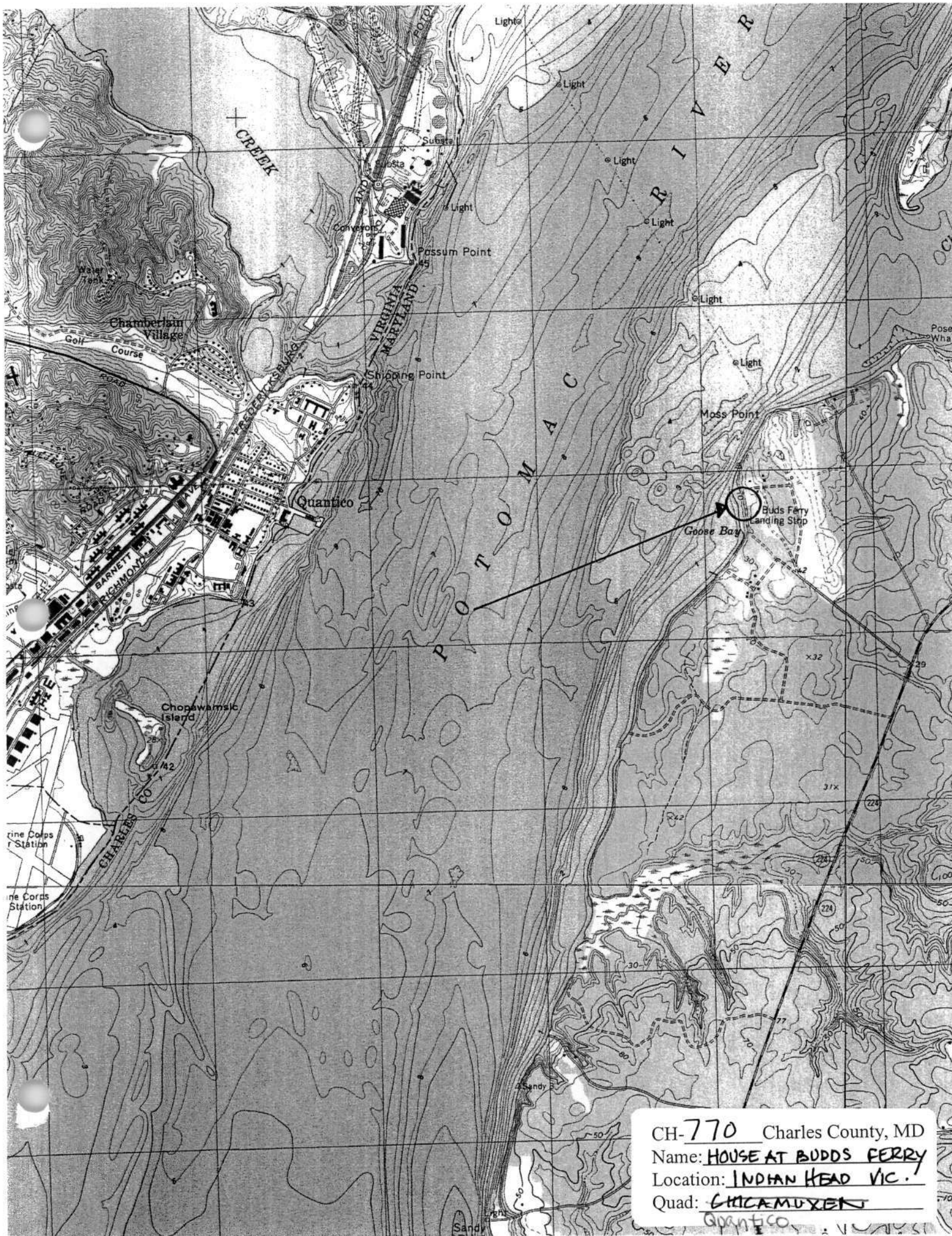
POSSIBLE  
LANDING  
SITE

POTOMAC RIVER



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Quad: CHICAMUXEN





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